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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 6,043,653

AB United States Patent No. 5,793,210

AC United States Patent No. 5,489,848

AD United States Patent No. 4,652,824

AL German OS 198 38 390 ✓

AM German OS 38 33 591

AN European Application 1 077 382

AO European Application 0 138 269

## EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AL and AN were cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination of the German application corresponding to the present United States application.

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The remaining references were identified and discussed at pages 2-4 of the present application, and Applicants stands by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of those references. Reference AB corresponds to German OS 197 34 138 in that discussion.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith. English translations of References AL and AM are not readily available to the Applicant, however, each of those references has an English language Abstract attached thereto.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a First Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination.

Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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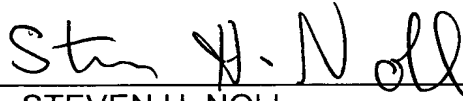
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